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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Letter
WT Docket No. 96-198
(Section 255 Contact Information)**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Personal
Communications
Industry
Association

On July 14, 1999, the Commission adopted a *Report and Order*¹ establishing rules and policies to implement sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.² These provisions require manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and providers of telecommunications services to ensure that such equipment and services are accessible to persons with disabilities, if readily achievable.

In its *Report and Order*, the Commission implemented rules requiring affected manufacturers and service providers to designate an agent or contact "...upon whom service may be made of all notices, inquiries, order, decisions, and other pronouncements of the Commission in any matter before the Commission."³ The Commission stated that "such designation shall include, for both the manufacturer or the provider, a name or department designation, business address, telephone number, and, if available TTY number, facsimile number, and Internet e-mail address."⁴

¹ *Implementation of Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Access to Telecommunications Service, Telecommunications Equipment, and Customer Premises Equipment by Persons with Disabilities*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Inquiry, WT Docket No. 96-198, 64 FR 63235 (1999) (*Report and Order*).

² 47 U.S.C. 255 and 251(a)(2).

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 6.18, 7.18.

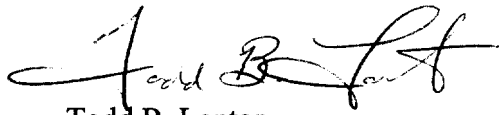
⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 6.18, 7.18.

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Although the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has yet to approve the information collections contained in sections 6.18 and 7.18 of the Commission's Rules, the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA)⁵ wishes to file the attached contact information with the understanding that PCIA "... will not be required to re-submit the information once the requirements become effective."⁶ By providing the Commission with the following information on behalf of some of its members, PCIA also hopes to ease the administrative burdens inherent in such an information collection.⁷

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, one original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (703) 739-0300.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

⁵ PCIA is an international trade association established to represent the interests of both the commercial and private mobile radio service communications industries and the fixed broadband wireless industry. PCIA's Federation of Councils includes: the Paging and Messaging Alliance, the Broadband PCS Alliance, the Site Owners and Managers Association, the Private Systems Users Alliance, the Mobile Wireless Communications Alliance, and the Wireless Broadband Alliance. As the FCC-appointed frequency coordinator for the 450-512 MHz bands in the Business Radio Service, the 800 MHz and 900 MHz Business Pools, the 800 MHz General Category frequencies for Business Eligibles and conventional SMR systems, and the 929 MHz paging frequencies, PCIA represents and serves the interests of tens of thousands of FCC licensees.

⁶ *Public Notice*, Consumer Information Bureau Clarifies Effective Date of the Designation of Agent Requirements in WTB Docket No. 96-198, DA 00-413 (Feb. 25, 2000).

⁷ The FCC encouraged trade associations to file this information on behalf of their members. *See Report and Order*, ¶128, n. 287.

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